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SUBJECT:VC-10 HIJACKING

REF: TUNIS 7218 AND AMBASSADOR EILTS-HOFFACKER TELECON

1. HMG HAS ASKED US TO SUPPORT THEM IN FOLLOWING POSITION
VIS A VIS GOE: MOVE IMPRISONED TERRORISTS TO TUNIS BUT NOT
RPT NOT RELEASE THEM, MERELY SEEK TO BUY TIME. UNDERSTAND
THAT INSTRUCTION AS RECEIVED BY BRITISH AMBASSADOR CAIRO
IS TO PROPOSE MOVING PRISONERS CLOSER TO TUNIS.

2. QUESTION WHETHER THIS WOULD SERVE USEFUL PURPOSE AND
WOULD HAVE DECIDED DISADVANTAGE OF RAISING UNDUE EXPECTA-
TIONS. WHILE DECISIONS REMAIN PRIMARILY FOR GOE AND GOT
TO MAKE, WONDER WHETHER FOLLOWING COUNTER-PROPOSAL HAS
BEEN BROACHED: FREEDOM FOR THE TWO TERRORISTS IN EXCHANGE
FOR FREEDOM OF HOSTAGES. THIS WOULD HAVE GREAT ADVANTAGE
OF RETENTION OF PRISONERS.

3. IF YOU BELIEVE USEFUL, YOU MIGHT PROPOSE COUNTER-PROPOSAL
TO FAHMY AND CHATTI. WE HAVE DONE SO HERE WITH BRITISH
EMBASSY. INGERSOLL

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